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See our offer to give THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER one year and the Patch Corn Sheller for four dollars. This is the best sheller for the money in America. It is guaranteed and will give entire satisfaction. Send in your orders at once.

—Who will furnish us a good recipe for making apple butter?

—The colored people hold two annual fairs in this State, one at Raleigh, the other at Goldsboro.

—The Wisconsin forest fires have driven over seven hundred families from their homes.

—Who can give us the best and surest method for keeping cider sweet during the winter?

—Mexican editors have to take their chances. There are forty-four of them now in jail for making too free use of the pencil.

—Through the agency of Mr. Reid, member of Congress from the 5th district, an internal revenue stamp office has been established at Mt. Airy.

—Cutting, the El Paso editor, whose arrest by the Mexican authorities created such a breeze in Texas a couple of weeks ago, has been released.

—Hon. Thomas D. Johnson, member of Congress from the 9th district, was renominated by acclamation in convention at Asheville on the 23d ult.

—Mr. D. M. Payne, Secretary of the Trinity Club, writes us: "The interest in our Club meetings is growing every day. Your paper is a great help to us."

—A number of young farmers and stockmen of Buncombe county are working to get up a live stock show for Western North Carolina, to be held some time in the fall, at Asheville.

—The late Mr. Tilden seems to have been susceptible of feminine influences. He bequeathed in his will \$100,000 each to two young ladies to whom he had taken a liking.

—At the State Judicial Democratic Convention which met in Raleigh last Wednesday the present Judges of the Supreme Court, Smith, Merrimon and Ashe, were renominated without opposition.

—Col. H. B. Short, a prominent citizen of Columbus county, and one of the cleverest and most estimable gentlemen in the State, died at the Orton House in Wilmington last Thursday, in his 62d year.

—Farmers, in preparing their land for wheat, should remember that mistakes in this preparation cannot be corrected by after cultivation, as in corn and other crops. Put the ground in good condition and use only good seed. Never sow wheat when the ground is too wet.

—Pleasant Ridge Club, Sandy Ridge and some other clubs of this county have purchased about 50,000 pounds of chemicals for wheat fertilizers, which shows the progress our farmers are making in manipulating their own fertilizers.

—The American Dairy Association holds its national convention in Philadelphia on the 14th and 15th of September. It is to be a congratulatory meeting over the success of the oleomargarine bill and to discuss measures for the further promotion and protection of the agricultural and dairy interests of the country.

—The annual Fair of the Eastern Carolina Fair and Stock Association will be held at the grounds near Goldsboro on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 3d, 4th and 5th. We are indebted to the Secretary for a premium list, with programme. None of the premiums are very large, but in the aggregate they amount to considerable.

—The Roanoke District Grange Agricultural Fair will be held on its grounds at Woodland, N. C., October 27th and 28th. It has always been largely attended and successfully conducted. The editor of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER has been invited to deliver the annual address, and looks forward with much pleasure to the meeting of many old friends of the Roanoke and Chowan section.

—Mr. S. Otho Wilson, one of the live and progressive farmers and fruit cultivators of Wake county, has contrived and applied for a patent on a new process for hanging and curing tobacco. He pulls only the leaves as they ripen, leaving the unripe on the stalk to mature. By his process uniformity of color is secured, with much less labor and at considerably reduced cost.

—Messrs. Louis Bagger & Co., Solicitors of Patents, Washington, D. C., write us that thirty-five patents, bearing date of August 24th, were granted to citizens of the Southern States, among them one to G. H. Gaskins, of Pantego, N. C., for mechanical detector; one to Levi Jones, of Hendersonville, N. C., for a mill and fish dam, and one to J. M. Maynard, of Hickory, N. C., for marking or laying out mortises.

—"Brethren! brethren! for goodness sake, tote fair," said an old colored brother, who was being taxed heavily by his church. AND THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER in all the eloquence of solid earnestness, appeals again to its "brethren" of the State press to "tote fair." You may not all understand it, but those brethren who persist in doing us the honor to appropriate our articles and will not give us credit for them, know exactly to whom this appeal is directed.

—Senator Jones, of Florida, who was not in his seat one day during the whole past session of Congress, spending his time in Detroit, Michigan, in pursuit of a wealthy spinster, has decided to remain in that city and has notified the Governor of Florida that he will not be a candidate for re-election. He will not resign, however, but will continue to hold on and draw his salary as he did, regularly at the end of each month during the past session. It would not be an easy matter to draw a correct distinction between this kind of business and stealing.

—The Second Annual Fair of the Catawba Industrial Association will open in Hickory on Tuesday, the 19th of October, and continue four days. The premium list just received indicates a most careful preparation on the part of the management for a large Fair. That it will be well conducted and be a creditable success none will doubt who know anything of the energy and business tact of its managers, or of the progressive and substantial people of Catawba. It will be a Fair well worth attending. The editor of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER has accepted an invitation to deliver the annual address.

—Cutting, the Texas editor, has been released by the Mexican authorities, but there is another matter pending between the two governments of a graver nature than the Cutting affair. One Arresures, a Mexican, who claimed to be an American citizen, charged with some violation of Mexican laws, was kidnapped by a Texas sheriff, surrendered to a Mexican captain, and shot, in spite of the fact that the American Consul had made demand for his release as an American citizen. The Consul so reports to the Department of State, which has made a demand for the surrender of the Mexican captain.

## HOME READING.

It should be the effort and study of every farmer who is raising a family to make home the brightest and pleasantest place on earth to them. The farm should not be as it so often is, a place of monotonous drudgery, with its routine of daily toil, running sometimes far into the night, when old and young, wearied, fall to sleep to wake in the morning for a repetition of the same wearing, endless tasks. Thus day after day is spent on many a farm in body-wearing and spirit-crushing toil. No wonder that young people grow old prematurely when doomed to such a treadmill existence, and no wonder the boys and girls tire of the farm, long for a change and fly at the first opportunity to the town with its glittering attractions. The farm where it is work, work, all work, and where little or no thought is given to anything else, is not a home in the true sense; it is simply a place where people stay, and toil for what they eat, and where the young people stay only until they can get away.

When the day's work is done (and the day should not be allowed to run far into night) the evening should be given to home pleasures, interesting and instructive exercises and mental development and improvement. The room where the family gathers should be both a place of pleasant recreation and a school. It is a very easy matter for the father or mother to cultivate a taste for reading in their children, and to direct that taste aright, selecting attractive books, which will be instructive whilst they are attractive. Most young people like to read to others what interests themselves, and there are few families where some of the older children are notable to read aloud for the family circle. At first it might possibly be a little irksome, but in a little while it would become a real pleasure and all would long for the evening hour to come to hear a continuation of what interested them the evening before. And thus unconsciously they are acquiring a fondness for books, and are learning to think. Young people are, as a rule, fond of biographies, and books of travel, the reading of which will create a desire for reading of history, and other literature, as the readers grow older and their faculties develop.

Then there are instructive magazines monthly, and monthly and weekly agricultural papers published expressly for the farm and home life on the farm, which would furnish interesting reading, instructive as well as entertaining, about matters in which all who live on the farm are interested. One half hour devoted each evening to the reading of properly selected matter in the family circle would result in imparting an incredible amount of information in the course of one year. A half hour is not long, but three hundred and sixty-five half hours make over seven days of twenty-four hours each, during which an ordinarily rapid reader could read through several fair-sized books. It is the little we learn each day, or from time to time, that constitutes the sum of education, and thus the little acquired in these short evening exercises would in a few years amount to much, not only in the pleasure and information enjoyed and acquired, but in the formation of tastes and habits of reading for after life. With such habits and tastes properly trained in these days of printing presses and cheap books, the education of young people is practically in their own hands, and their destinies, to a great extent, within their own control. There will be no excuse for their not being tolerably well educated and well informed, for they have learned to be their own teachers.

Parents, think of this, and when the day's work is done, instead of sitting quietly about, thinking of tomorrow's toil, cheer up, light up, send care out of doors, gather the family around you and let all strive to see how near they can come to making the family room the pleasantest place on earth, and not only pleasant but profitable—an agreeable school, where all learn something each evening, and enjoy the learning which comes, not as a task, but as a pleasant pastime.

—A portion of a construction train on the Spartanburg & Asheville railroad broke loose from the engine while ascending a steep grade near Saluda, Wednesday evening, killing overseer Swift, and four convicts and injuring a guard and several convicts.

## OUR CANDIDATE—HOW DO YOU LIKE HIM?

He is honest. He is the same to you yesterday, to-day and after the election. He is as genial and pleasant in the April of success as he is in the September of expectancy. He picks berries only on one side of the fence. He comes before you with both hands wide open. He may differ with you, but he is brave enough and honest enough to let you know it. He makes no "trades" to secure a nomination. His hands are not soiled in the dirty work of "packing" conventions. He spurns "log-rolling" to accomplish his purposes. He stands squarely and flatfooted on his integrity as a gentleman and an honest patriot. He would not surrender a single conviction of right or duty for any position in the gift of President Cleveland. He is the much-talked-of man whom the "office seekers." True it fails to find him about thirty-nine times out of forty, but he is our candidate just the same. How do you like him?

## BEGIN NOW.

We would remind our farmers, their wives, sons and daughters, that the Fruit Fair is to be held here next year, probably early in the month of August. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER promised the officers that it should be the best and most successful of all its Fairs. It did so, from a knowledge of the progressive and enterprising spirit of the people of this section and of their resources and ability. That promise must, and, we believe, will be redeemed. Let the noble women of this section see to it that the department of dried fruits, pickles, preserved and canned fruits, of all kinds, shall excel any exhibition ever made in our State. To do this it is necessary to utilize such varieties as are now in season. Liberal premiums will be awarded by the Association, and we would have the collection and display be of such a character as shall not only be creditable to the exhibitors, but such as to excite the pride of the large numbers who will be present from all quarters of our State.

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP.

A Farmers' club was organized in Wadewille, Montgomery county, on the 21st ult. After the organization a motion was made by a merchant to admit all present to membership, which was carried. There were merchants and mechanics present, who under this motion became members if they so desired. This led to dissatisfaction and the withdrawal of a number of farmers, who propose to hold another meeting and organize another club. In the clubs organized under the constitution and by laws under which the clubs of Forsyth county are acting no one is eligible to membership but practical farmers, that is men whose chief business is farming, whether they be engaged in other pursuits or not. They must be farmers, so known and recognized. These clubs are organized as farmers' clubs pure and simple, and none but farmers are eligible to membership and none ought to be.

## ATTEND THE FAIRS.

Intelligent, public spirited and progressive farmers can learn much of profit and value by attending the fairs. They are not only places of recreation but they are schools as well. Take the boys and girls along. They will have before them a most interesting school of object lessons. It will infuse into them an interest and attraction for farm life. It will give them ideas which they can get nowhere else. It will show them what is going on around them in the way of improvement in all the departments of farm husbandry and it will quicken thought, stimulate investigation, and foster laudable aspiration.

—The Yadkin Falls Mfg. Co., in Stanly county, will begin operations we learn in about six weeks, and will make thread and sheeting. Mr. Wm. Smith, of Ansonville, is President and Mr. S. J. Pemberton, of Albemarle, Secretary and Treasurer. It has been a number of years since the upland crops looked more promising than they do now. We went to Albemarle last week and all along the way the corn and cotton look as well as could be wished, considering the work that has been done, and the farmers are greatly encouraged.—Concord Times.

## A MODEL FARMER.

Mr. J. I. Lawhon, of Cameron, dropped in to see us this week. He reports that the crops in his section are doing finely, corn especially having improved considerably in the last few weeks. Mr. Lawhon is himself a model farmer, and works his land after the most approved methods of cultivation. In the winter he subsoils thoroughly, plowing over every foot of his fields half a dozen times to the depth of about fourteen inches. His cattle are housed at night, and a milch cow he never allows to run at large. His poultry roost in a coop well arranged as to ventilation and kept thoroughly clean. He is continually adding to his manure pile, and the compost heap is an important feature in his economy of farming.

Mr. Lawhon has used no bought fertilizers or guano in three years, but for all that he claims that he has the best cotton in his neighborhood.—Fayetteville Observer.

## NEW BALLOON.

A new dirigible balloon of colossal dimensions, says the *Deutsche Heres Zeitung*, is now in the course of construction in Berlin. The inventor, Herr Gaswindt, hopes to overcome the grand difficulty in aeronautics, the attainment of a speed greater than the average velocity of the wind—by the enormous size of his balloon. A series of meteorological observations, extending over several years, has shown that near the surface of the earth the velocity of the wind in the temperate zone rarely exceeds twelve metres per second, and Herr Gaswindt expects to attain a speed of not less than fourteen or fifteen metres. A sum of 200,000 marks, it is said, has already been offered for the patent. The balloon is 150 meters in length and 15 meters in diameter, with a capacity of 18,000 cubic meters, about ten times as great as that of Renard and Kerbs balloon. The total weight is about 320 cwt. the envelope and netting alone representing 100 cwt. The propelling machinery consists of two steam engines of 50 horsepower each. The cost is estimated at 100,000 marks (\$50,000.)

## LIME FOR GROWING ANIMALS.

This subject is discussed as follows by John M. Stahl in the *Philadelphia Press*: Stockmen frequently complain that while young animals eat well, digest well and make fat and flesh, they do not make bone. The explanation is that there is a lack of bone matter in the food. The most important element in the composition of bone is lime, and chalk is as good a form as any in which it may be supplied. This is cheap, and will answer the purpose just as well as the more expensive prepared phosphates. For older animals it would suffice to keep a piece of chalk in the troughs where it could be licked, but in the case of very young animals, or those which show a disposition to become stunted, it will be necessary to pulverize the chalk to a powder and feed it in the milk or meal. It must not be overlooked that the lack of lime will not be so likely to exist; or, if it does exist, will not be so great in a limestone region as in others. Where the soil has been largely formed by the disintegration of limestone rock the grains and grasses will contain a larger proportion of lime; and where the water comes from limestone rock, and is what is commonly called "hard," it would probably contain enough to make good any deficiency in the food.

—A Davidson man tells us that he always sows clover seed on his turnip patch. Insects will not infest the turnips very much when he does this, and he is very certain to obtain a good stand of clover, which will be ready for feeding purposes the following spring.—Jordan Shutt of this county, raised 170 bushels of onions on three-quarters of an acre of ground. He has not sold any of them for less than 50 cents a bushel. Average them at 60 cents a bushel and they amount to \$102, equal to \$136 per acre. This is better than is usually done with tobacco, and with much less labor and expense.—Salem Press.

—Mr. T. M. Stikeleather, who lives near Olin, Iredell county, has a cow that gives five gallons of strained milk daily. She has a heifer calf eight months old that gives from a pint to a quart of milk daily. His boy milks the calf.